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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

A. Introduction

1. This Special Photo Intelligence Report #79 is the first in a series of reports originating from the interpretation of selected Project GENETRIX photography. The photography interpreted covers certain populated areas, installations, and activities in both European and Asiatic USSR. Due to the nature of GENETRIX photography, the areas and objects reported on are widely dispersed.

2. Photographs used are all single obliques. No overlap exists; therefore, stereo study is not possible.

3. Average altitude of photography is 45,000 feet; focal length for all photos is 6". Average scale of photos at the center plane of each photo is approximately 1:125,000. Quality of photography ranged from very poor to fair with only a very few photos of good quality. Photography was taken on various dates during the period 11 January 1956 through 1 February 1956.

4. Due to the absence of comparative cover, lack of stereo, poor quality and small scale of the photography, a detailed interpretation is precluded.

5. PIRs referred to in this report were issued by Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, USAF, St Louis, Missouri, and date from 30 January 1956 through 12 March 1956.

B. Summary

1. This report covers certain widely scattered areas, installations, and activities of the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS. Interpretation has been hindered due to lack of stereo, poor quality and small scale of the photography and the fact that comparative cover is not available.

2. One (1) item, unusual in nature, was interpreted to the extent possible. This item is an extremely large installation, most probably of a military type, which is located on the banks of the YENISEY River (5614.ON/9322.5E). Inclosure 1 is a sketch, not to scale, of the installation and depicts all items identifiable by the interpreter.

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ITEMIZED TABULATION OF ACTIVITY

A. Category I: Cities, towns, and villages

1. ASTAKHOVSKOYE (5013.3N/7255.2E)

Sortie EVA-50, photo 226A, 27 Jan - 1 Feb 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #29, 21 Feb 56.

Remarks: Small town located on railroad. One (1) culvert on railroad north of town. Small scale precludes determination as to number of tracks. Prob basic processing plant on edge of town (see Category IV, Item 1).

2. BIYSE (5232.1N/8513.7E)

Sortie GIB-51, photo 297A, 26-31 Jan 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #38, 12 Mar 56.

Remarks: Unable to confirm PIR. Extremely poor quality of photos (haze and underexposed) precludes identification or interpretation. Prob A/F (see Category II, Item 1).

3. DODONOVO (5617.1N/9327.1E)

Sortie GIB-1, photos 292A and 293B, 11-18 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #4, 30 Jan 56.

Remarks: Town named not on map. Town is located NE of KRASNOYARSK along YENISEY River. Map shows town of KUVARSHINO (5614.0N/9322.5E) around which a large installation has been developed. This installation is reported as a prob AE site (see Category III).

4. DUBOVSKOYE (4729.0N/4245.0E)

Sortie OBE-32, photos 27B and 28A, 20-22 Jan 56, fair and poor quality respectively.

Reported in PIR #18, 12 Feb 56.

Remarks: Large town on major single-track railroad and River SAL. Quality and small scale of photos preclude further interpretation.

5. DOERINKA (5017.0N/4511.0E)

Sortie GIB-32, photo 32B, 20-22 Jan 56, good quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Small town on the VOLGA River with no significant activity noted. PIR reports KAMYSHIN (5005.4N/4524.2E), several industries, and NIKOLAYEVSKAYA (5005.1E/4530.0E) on this photo; however, the photo covers area north of these towns.

6. DZRAMBUL (4253.3N/7122.5E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 115A, 20 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #18, 12 Feb 56.

Remarks: Extremely small scale and haze preclude interpretation other than identification. Poss unoperative railroad (see Category VI, Item 1).

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7. EMBA (4349.8N/5308.3E)

Sortie OBE-14, photo 142A, 13 Jan 56, good quality.

Reported in PIR #10, 7 Feb 56.

Remarks: Small town on the EMBA River. Railroad marshalling yard within city (see Category VI, Item 8). Four (4) stations, four (4) culverts, and railroad bridge over EMBA River along railroad near EMBA. Map indicates railroad as multiple track. Small scale of photo precludes determining number of tracks and whether sidings present at above mentioned stations.

8. GROZNOYE (4237.0N/7112.0E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 115A, 20 Jan 56, fair quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Village with no activity of military significance.

9. ILIYSK (4353.2N/7711.3E)

Sortie GIE-32, photo 164B, 20-22 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #22, 13 Feb 56.

Remarks: Large town on Ili River. Railroad extending south of town appears in operation. Apparently single track. Small scale, especially of town, precludes further interpretation.

10. KANSK (5612.0N/9542.0E)

Sortie GLE-1, photos 314B and 315A, 11-13 Jan 56, good quality.

Reported in PIR #4, 30 Jan 56, and supplement #1 to PIR #4, 7 Feb 56.

Remarks: Small city located on Trans-Siberian Railroad near KAM River. (See Category VI, Item 3.) Small scale at upper limits of photo precludes interpretation beyond identification.

11. KHANTY KANSIYSK (6100.5N/6900.5E)

Sortie GIE-1, photos 219A, 220A, and 221B, 11-13 Jan 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #4, 30 Jan 56, and supplement #1 to PIR #4, 7 Feb 56.

Remarks: Large town on IRTYSH River. No additional information obtainable due to poor quality of photo (clouds, static, underexposed).

12. KIYEVKA (5015.8N/7133.0E)

Sortie EVA-50, photo 213B, 27 Jan - 1 Feb 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #29, 21 Feb 56.

Remarks: Small town on the UL'KAN-KUNDUZDY River. No significant activity noted. (Forty percent cloud cover, dense haze.)

13. KRASNOYARSK (5601.0N/9251.0E)

Sortie GIE-1, photo 290B, 11-13 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #4, 30 Jan 56, and supplement #1, PIR #4, 7 Feb 56.

Remarks: Large city located on Trans-Siberian Railroad. Extremely small scale and dense haze preclude interpretation beyond identification.

14. KUBERLE (4700.0N/4212.5E)

Sortie OBE-32, photos 22B and 23B, 20 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #18, 12 Feb 56.

Remarks: Small town on major railroad line. The railroad along this section has many moderate curves and a great number of culverts. Two (2) stations or sidings between KUBERLE and ZIMOVNIKI (see Category I, Item 30). Poss small marshalling yard or station in KUBERLE.

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15. KITEVTAY (4340.0N/7706.0E)

Sortie GIB-32, photo 164B, 20-22 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #22, 13 Feb 56.

Remarks: Small town with no apparent activity of military significance.

16. KITEVNIKOV (4714.5N/4208.0E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 20A, 20 Jan 56, fair quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Small town, no activity of military significance noted.

Small scale precludes interpretation beyond identification.

17. MARTINOVKA (4716.5N/4140.0E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 18A, 20 Jan 56, fair quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Small town on SAL River. No activity of military significance noted. Poor quality and small scale preclude further interpretation.

18. NIKOLAYLOVKA (5003.5N/4316.0E)

Sortie GIB-32, photo 15B and 14B, 20-22 Jan 56, good quality.

Reported in PIR #22, 13 Feb 56.

Remarks: Town on the MEDVEDITSIA River. Heavy industry (see Category IV, Item 2) at NW edge of town. Multiple-track railroad (prob double track) extending NW-SE through town. Presence of train indicates track in operation. Railroad bridges (see Category V, Item 2).

19. ORLOVSKAYA (4652.5N/4203.5E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 23B, 20-22 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #18, 12 Feb 56.

Remarks: Town on major railroad. Extremely small scale precludes further identification. For further information on railroad, see KUBERLE, Category I, Item 14.

20. ROSOV (4715.0N/3945.0E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 7B, 20-22 Jan 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #18, 12 Feb 56.

Remarks: Large city on DON River. ROSOV East A/F (see Category IX, Item 2). The poor quality (probably exposed late in afternoon or early morning) precludes interpretation beyond identification.

21. SAMAROVO (6057.1N/6904.0E)

Sortie GIB-1, photos 219A, 220A, and 221B, 11-18 Jan 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #4, 30 Jan 56.

Remarks: Location prob correct; however, unable to confirm due to inadequate map coverage.

22. SHAYNA (5246.0N/3748.5E)

Sortie CBE-55, photos 304B and 305A, 26-29 Jan 56, fair quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Village near prob ore processing plants (see Category IV, Item 3).

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23. SUKHOI (4707.0N/4122.0E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 16A, 20-22 Jan 56, poor quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Village, no activity of military significance noted.

24. SYNTYVKAR (6140.0N/5050.5E)

Sortie GIE-1, photo 163B, 11-18 Jan 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #4 and supplement #1, 7 Feb 56.

Remarks: Location confirmed. Inadequate map coverage of area and poor quality of photo preclude further interpretation.

25. TASHTAGOL (5246.0N/8754.8E)

Sortie OBE-55, photos 304B and 305A, 26-29 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #25, 20 Feb 56.

Remarks: Small town near prob ore processing plants (see Category IV, Item 3). Terminal for a single-track railroad from STALINSK (5345N/8705E).

26. TEMIR-TAU (5005.5N/7255.2E)

Sortie EVA-50, photo 223A, 27 Jan - 1 Feb 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #29, 21 Feb 56.

Remarks: One hundred percent thin cloud cover precludes interpretation beyond identification.

27. URBAN AREA (name unknown) (5600.1N/9512.0E)

Sortie GIE-1, photos 309B and 310A, 11-18 Jan 56, good quality.

Reported in PIR #4, 30 Jan 56.

Remarks: Small town on Trans-Siberian Railroad. Railroad marshalling yard (see Category VI, Item 6). Poss industrial area (see Category IV, Item 4) located approximately 6 kilometers from SOLYANKA (5602.5N/9517.0E) on the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

28. ZAOZERNY (5558.0N/9443.0E)

Sortie GIE-1, photos 303B and 306B, 11-18 Jan 56, good quality.

Reported in PIR #4, 30 Jan 56.

Remarks: Town located on the Trans-Siberian Railroad (see Category VI, Item 4). Four (4) villages around ZAOZERNY appear to be new. Poss new spur line railroad (see Category VI, Item 10). Prob light industry at south edge of town (see Category IV, Item 5).

29. ZHOREBKOU (4706.0N/4059.0E)

Sortie OBE-32, photos 14B and 15B, 20 Jan 56, poor quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Village near MANICH Canal. Highway bridge over MANICH Canal (see Category V, Item 1). Further interpretation precluded by poor quality of photo.

30. ZIMOVNIKI (4709.0N/4227.5E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 23A, 20-22 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #18, 12 Feb 56.

Remarks: Town on major railroad. Change in road net (see Category VI, Item 9). For further information on railroad, see KUSENIE, Category I, Item 14.

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B. Category III: Airfields

1. Prob A/F, BIYSK (5231.3N/8523.4E)

Sortie GIM-51, photo 293A, 26-31 Jan 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #38, 12 Mar 56.

Remarks: Interpretation and identification is precluded due to small scale and poor quality of photo (haze and underexposed). Town of BIYSK (see Category I, Item 2).

2. ROSTOV East A/F (4715.0N/3948.5E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 7B, 20-22 Jan 56, poor quality.

Reported in PIR #18, 12 Feb 56.

Remarks: ROSTOV (Town) (see Category I, Item 20). Airfield is almost obscured by haze and dark tone of photo, and due to poor quality, further interpretation other than identification is precluded.

C. Category III: Military installations

Prob AE site (5617.1N/9327.1E)

Sortie GIM-1, photos 292A and 293B, 11-18 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #4, 30 Jan 56.

Remarks: PIR reports a prob AE site. Installation has the characteristics of either a military installation or an industrial installation guarded by large military units. Photos show a railroad, possibly double tracked, where none is shown on the map. The installation is strung out along the railroad for approximately 12 miles from Area B to Area L. Installation is approximately 20 miles to the northeast of KRASNOYARSK and the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

A tabular building count of selected areas follows: (NOTE: Lettered areas refer to those on sketch, Inclosure 1.)

Area A - 9 bldgs	Area G - 134 bldgs
Area B - 40 bldgs	Area H - 132 bldgs
Area C - 34 bldgs	Area I - 110 bldgs
Area D - 150 bldgs	Area J - 50 bldgs
Area E - 60 bldgs	Area K - 70 bldgs
Area F - 80 bldgs	

Total building count for installation is precluded by small scale and quality of photo, but exceeds 900. Interpretation is hindered by extremely small scale and snow coverage of major portion of area.

D. Category IV: Industry

1. Prob basic processing plant (5013.3N/7255.2E)

Sortie EVA-50, photo 226A, 27 Jan - 1 Feb 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #29, 21 Feb 56.

Remarks: Location confirmed; however, determination of exact nature of installation is precluded by small scale. Smoke apparently coming from two (2) smokestacks. Located at edge of ASTAKHOUSKOVE (Town) (See Category I, Item 1.)

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2. Heavy Industry (5005.5N/4314.2E)

Sortie GIB-32, photos 15B and 14B, 20-22 Jan 56, good quality.

Reported in PIR #22, 13 Feb 56.

Remarks: Smoke column from single smokestack. Exact nature of industry undeterminable. (Bombing Encyclopedia indicates rolling mill.) Located at NW corner of MIKHAYLOVKA (Town) (see Category I, Item 18).

3. Prob ore processing plants (5254.5N/3759.8E) (5251.5N/3756.8E)

Sortie OBE-55, photos 304B and 305A, 26-29 Jan 56, fair quality.

Reported in PIR #25, 20 Feb 56.

Remarks: These two (2) areas reveal extensive mining operations.

Several tunnel entrances can be seen on the hillside at each site. At the foot of the sites are buildings (probably housing for workers and administration). A railroad spur (not shown on map) extends up the valley, below the mines, from the town of TASHTAGOL, where it joins the main line. Clearings leading into each mine site indicate power lines. PIR #25 remarks that the amount of power probably present exceeds that necessary for an ore processing plant. Unable to confirm this statement. TASHTAGOL (Town) (see Category I, Item 25). SHALYH (Town) (see Category I, Item 22).

4. Poss industrial area (5600.1N/9512.0E)

Sortie GIB-1, photos 303B and 310A, 11-13 Jan 56, good quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Small scale precludes determination of exact nature of installation. Located in URBAN AREA (name unknown), see Category I, Item 27.

5. Prob light industry (5558.5N/9443.0E)

GIB-1, photos 303B and 306B, 11-13 Jan 56, good quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Small column of smoke rising from south edge of ZAOZERNY (see Category I, Item 28) indicates prob light industry. Small scale precludes determining exact nature of industry. (Bombing Encyclopedia, Dec 1955, reports a thermal power plant.)

B. Category V: Bridges

1. Highway bridge over MANICH Canal (4707N/4046E)

Sortie OBE-32, photos 14B and 15B, 20-22 Jan 56, poor quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Due to small scale, determination of type of bridge and condition is precluded.

2. Railroad bridge over MEDVEDINSA River (5002N/4317E)

Sortie GIB-32, photo 14B, 20-22 Jan 56, good quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Tracks separate on both sides of the river, forming two (2) lines, each crossing the river on separate bridges. This indicates at least double-track railroad. Small scale precludes classification of bridges. MIKHAYLOVKA (Town) (see Category I, Item 18).

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F. Category VII: Railroads, railroad yards, and highways

1. Poss inoperative railroad (4253.3N/7122.0E to 4239N/7102E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 115A, 20-22 Jan 56, fair quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Railroad bearing southwest from DZHAMBUL (see Category I, Item 6) does not appear in use due to undisturbed snow. Also several poss small gaps in roadbed.

2. New railroad (5008.5N/4512.8E)

Sortie GIB-32, photo 27B, 20-22 Jan 56, good quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: New railroad not on map, running northeast - southwest along west side of ILOVLYA River connecting with old line at KAMYSHIN Railroad yards and shops. (See Category VI, Item 7.) One (1) bridge and several culverts visible along this section of line. Train indicates track in operation.

3. Trans-Siberian Railroad (5612.0N/9542.0E)

Sortie GIB-1, photo 314B, 11-18 Jan 56, good quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Railroad runs through KANSK (Town) (see Category I, Item 10). Railroad prob double track; however, scale precludes interpretation beyond identification.

4. Trans-Siberian Railroad (5558.0N/9443.0E)

Sortie GIB-1, photo 303B, 11-18 Jan 56, good quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Railroad runs through ZAOZERNY (Town) (see Category I, Item 28). Railroad prob double track, two (2) trains heading towards each other east of ZAOZERNY. Bridge or large culvert east of ZAOZERNY on railroad.

5. New railroad (5617.1N/9327.1E)

Sortie GIB-1, photos 292A and 293B, 11-18 Jan 56, fair quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Running northeast along YENISEY River from KRASNOYARSK (Town) (see Category I, Item 13) through prob AE site (see Category III). Railroad possibly double tracked; however, determination is precluded by small scale.

6. Railroad siding (5600.1N/9512.0E)

Sortie GIB-1, photos 309B and 310A, 11-18 Jan 56, good quality.

Not previously reported.

Remarks: Siding is in URBAN AREA (name unknown), see Category I, Item 27. Railroad tunnel west of URBAN AREA. Due to nature of terrain, large number of culverts are present along railroad.

7. KAMYSHIN Railroad yards and shops, PETROV VAL (5308.5N/4512.8E)

Sortie GIB-32, photo 27B, 20-22 Jan 56, good quality.

Reported in PIR #22, 13 Feb 56.

Remarks: Interpretation beyond identification is precluded. New railroad (see Category VI, Item 2) northwest - southeast line, shown on map, has one (1) bridge and several culverts along section of line within photo coverage.

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8. Railroad marshalling yard (4849.8N/5668.5E)

Sortie OBE-14, photo 144B, 13 Jan 56, good quality.
Reported in PIR #10, 7 Feb 56.
Remarks: MBMA (Town), see Category I, Item 7.

9. New road (4709.0N/4227.5E)

Sortie OBE-32, photo 23A, 20-22 Jan 56, fair quality.
Not previously reported.
Remarks: Road (second or third class) south from ZIMOYNIKI (see Category I, Item 30) along west side of KUBERLE River. Replaces road on east side (shown on map) which shows signs of having been damaged beyond repair.

10. Poss new railroad (5558.0N/9443.0E)

Sortie GIE-1, photos 303B and 306B, 11-18 Jan 56, good quality.
Not previously reported.
Remarks: Railroad line south from the Trans-Siberian Railroad at ZAOZERNY (see Category I, Item 28), not shown on map. Destination undetermined. Small scale precludes determining number of tracks and whether operative.

11. Poss new railroad (5558.0N/9444.0E to 5612.0N/9542.0E)

Sortie GIE-1, photos 309B and 310A, 11-18 Jan 56, good quality.
Not previously reported.
Remarks: Railroad branches off main line, Trans-Siberian Railroad, several miles east of ZAOZERNY (see Category I, Item 28), passing several miles north of URBAN AREA (see Category I, Item 27). Apparent destination KANSK (see Category I, Item 10). Inadequate cover precludes determining whether new line joins Trans-Siberian at or before reaching KANSK.

6. Category VII: Miscellaneous

1. Area south of KIYEUKA (5015.8N/7133.0E)

Sortie EVA-50, photo 214B, 27 Jan - 1 Feb 56, poor quality.
Not previously reported.
Remarks: No activity of military significance noted.

2. Area north of TEMUR-TAU (5005.5N/7255.2E)

Sortie EVA-50, photo 224A, 27 Jan - 1 Feb 56, poor quality.
Not previously reported.
Remarks: No activity of military significance noted.

SECTION III

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